

**NIGHT RIDERS WOULD
INTIMIDATE THRESHERS**

Attempts have been made last week at Caddo to intimidate men owning and operating threshing outfits, in believed intent to make threshers pay higher wages than existing wages and to thresh grain at prices lower than the existing rates.

Three men living in Caddo have been approached by masked men. Tuesday night about midnight a band of men with masks on their faces awakened and called out Jim Goddard from his home in Caddo. They told him that he was expected to pay \$2.50 a day wages for single hands and \$3.50 a day for man and team, and was expected to thresh grain for 4 cents a bushel. They also informed him, this paper is advised, that he had better take warning or they would return. Mr. Goddard ordered them from his premises and they left. There were twenty-four men in the party, it is said, and they were only disguised with home made masks over their eyes. The union adopted wages are said to be \$2.00 a day for single hands and \$3.00 a day for man and team, while the union threshing rate is 6 cents a bushel.

On the same night Roy Buyers, another Caddo man, operating a thresher, received a note, without signature, carrying the same demands, it is reported.

On Wednesday night, or rather early Thursday morning, Lewis McClasky, another thresher, received a call for a masked band of men, presumably the same band that visited Mr. Goddard the night before. He was mildly threatened also, but informed the uninvited visitors that he had been running his own business a long time and believed he was still competent to do so.

For several months, evidences of a masked band of night riders have been seen on the border of Atoka and Bryan counties. Aside from attempted intimidations, nothing serious has come of the frequent appearances of the band, and the people generally do not seem to be alarmed over their appearances.

TEXAS KILLINGS

Approximately 1,100 murders and 400 suicides occur annually in Texas or one per 3,000 population, firearms being the predominating cause of death, according to the State registrar of vital statistics.

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**MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
HELD SESSION HERE**

The Southeastern Oklahoma Medical Association held its convention here last Tuesday, July 11, at which time quite a large number of doctors from all parts of southeastern Oklahoma were present, as well as several prominent physicians from out of state and other parts of the state.

The sessions were at the Elks Club lodge room beginning at ten o'clock in the morning and last until about 1:30 o'clock when a banquet was served at the Atwood to the members and guests.

The program for the meeting was carried out as follows:

President's address—Dr. Hal. H. White, Hugo, Oklahoma.

Malaria as a Public Health Problem—Dr. D. Armstrong, Durant.

Public Health—Dr. A. R. Lewis, State Commissioner of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Genealogy in General Practice—Dr. T. H. Briggs, Atoka, Oklahoma.

Optimistic Medicine—Dr. B. H. Moore, Durant, Oklahoma.

Prostatic Obstruction—Dr. Julius Frischer, Kansas City, Mo.

Immunity—Dr. J. A. Haynie, Durant, Oklahoma.

Upper Abdominal Disease—Dr. Paul C. Gunby, Sherman, Texas.

Ectopic Gestation—Dr. C. C. Gardner, Atoka, Oklahoma.

Puerperal Septicemia—Dr. T. A. Blalock, Madill, Oklahoma.

The Physician, some of his duties and responsibilities—Dr. J. S. Fulton, Atoka, Oklahoma.

Organization—Dr. R. E. Sawyer, Durant, Oklahoma.

Rev. E. Rylant, Baptist minister of Caddo, is moving to Durant, and will be assistant to Rev. Ed G. Butler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. Plans are that Rev. Rylant will still have charge of his pastoral work at Caddo on Sundays but will attend to the local church's mid week services for a while.

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**MAN INJURED BY BLAST
OF DYNAMITE WILL LIVE**

Will Grimmett, aged 30, badly hurt Thursday morning by the premature explosion of a stock of dynamite on the highway construction work at White Sand creek this side of Okchito, will live, according to latest reports.

Grimmett is an employee of the Healy Construction Company and his job is that of setting off the dynamite where it is necessary to blast rock out of the way for construction work. Will went to set off a charge Thursday morning soon after going to work, but for some reason the charge exploded before he could reach a safe distance. After being mangled by the explosion, Grimmett ran for a hundred feet or more and collapsed at the feet of other workmen. He was picked up unconscious and medical aid summoned. No bones were broken but it was at first feared that internal injury might prove fatal. He was unable to talk when heard from last, but was believed to be out of danger.

HUGE COTTON LOAN

The War Finance Corporation has tentatively given its approval of the application of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association for advances aggregating \$9,000,000, for the purpose of financing the orderly marketing of cotton. Details of the transaction would be worked out, it was said, following which the advances would be completed.

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**GEORGE SHORT SPEAKS TO
VOTERS HERE**

Attorney General George F. Short of Oklahoma, spoke in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for that office, at the court house here Friday night.

George Short was raised in Durant and graduated from the Durant High School, as valedictorian of his class. He afterward graduated from the State University, later studying law and was admitted to the practice of law. For some years he practiced his profession at Idabel, in McCurtain county, later going to Oklahoma City to become one of the assistants to the attorney general. During the trial of some Oklahoma City strikers on a charge of lynching Jake Brooks, a negro packing house strike breaker, George made a reputation all over the southwest by quickly convicting a half dozen of the lynchers or so and procuring life sentences for them.

Soon after this affair, Prince Freeling resigned at Attorney General and Governor Robertson immediately appointed Mr. Short to the post.

Since that time, Mr. Short has been busy with the affairs of the office, even to such an extent that he is not undertaking to make a campaign for

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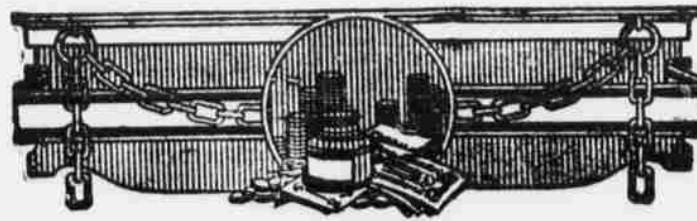
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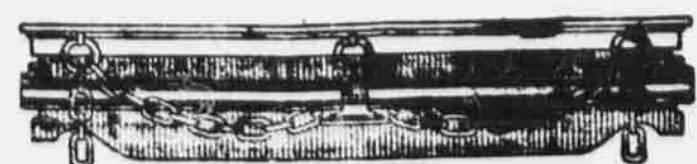
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the nomination, except that being made by his friends. He is however, making a few speeches in parts of the State, including that to be made here tonight.

**PRESIDENT MOVES TO END
THE BIG COAL STRIKE**

During the week President Harding has taken steps which it is hoped may result in an ending of the coal strike, which if not averted, before winter might bring about a serious coal famine all over the United States. The President proposes to miners and operators both that they get together, arbitrate their differences, give and take and get down to work again. Both sides have stated that they will have to consider the proposal before answering yes or no on the proposal to come together at all.

Bootleggers, serving poison, are enforcing prohibition automatically, just as the abuse of the saloons by the owners hastened prohibition by at least two generations.

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**WORK STARTS ON UNDERGRAD
SOUTH OF COLBERT**

Work started Monday on the undergrade crossing under the Katy tracks south of Colbert, and it is expected that the work will be finished in a few months. For several months the road has been in good traveling condition to Colbert, and for at least two months has been finished to Durant, but traffic had to detour on the old bad road from Colbert, owing to the fact that the crossing was not built. Road men are inclined to lay the blame for the delay at the door of the railroad people.

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L. A. Sanders of Johnson County, Mo., goes right on raising hogs. Mr. Sanders says he has been raising two carloads of hogs a year for many years and has never lost a dollar on them, while he has lost money on cattle feeding. "Hogs are our best paying livestock," said Mr. Sanders. "I have sold fat hogs on the Kansas City market as low as \$3.25, and I marketed a carload at \$22. But taking it all through, no matter what hogs are bringing, they pay out, provided the farmer handles them properly."—Southwestern Swine Breeder, Ft. Worth.

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